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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Name: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) Improvements for Water and Wastewater Facilities

Project Number(s): SDCSD00081

**This Document is Considered Draft Until it is Adopted by the Appropriate
County of San Diego Decision-Making Body.**

This Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Environmental Initial Study that includes the following:

- a. Initial Study Form
 - b. Extended studies for cultural resources
 - c. No Effects Determination
1. California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; that revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the project applicant would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 2. Required Mitigation Measures:

None required.

3. Critical Project Design Elements That Must Become Conditions of Approval:

The following project design elements were either proposed in the project application or the result of compliance with specific environmental laws and regulations and were essential in reaching the conclusions within the attached Environmental Initial Study. While the following are not technically mitigation measures, their implementation must be assured to avoid potentially significant environmental effects.

- i. Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be established for the proposed project that will at a minimum outline requirements for water pollution and erosion control plans, equipment storage, fueling, and staging areas.
- ii. A biological monitor will be present during the installation of the conduit line for the tower in order to avoid impacts to the tree roots during construction at Site 6, the Rancho Del Campo Well #4.
- iii. If construction occurs during the bird breeding season (January 15 to September 15) a temporary noise barrier will be in place between the area of construction and the edge of the sensitive habitat for Site 10, the Rancho San Diego Pump Station. The noise barrier is being installed as a mitigation measure for the Rancho San Diego Pump Station Improvements Project and will remain in place until the SCADA facility improvements are completed at this site.
- iv. If tree trimming is required for the installation of the towers at the Woodcreek Pump Station (Site 15) and the Heise Park Water Pollution Facility (Site 27), and if the installation occurs during bird breeding season (January 15 to September 15), a pre-trimming nest survey will be completed. If actively nesting birds are found, a biological monitor will be present while work occurs in proximity to an established nest buffer zone or trimming will not occur until the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active.
- v. A qualified archaeologist will be present to monitor construction-related activities at Sites 5 and 6, the Rancho del Campo Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Rancho Del Campo Well #4, respectively. Sites 5 and 6 are located within or immediately adjacent to the former military installation known as Camp Lockett. Camp Lockett is designated as a California Historic Landmark (CHL#1045), and is also listed on the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHC) with its period of significance occurring between 1941 and 1946.

ADOPTION STATEMENT: This Negative Declaration was adopted and above California Environmental Quality Act findings were made by the:

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

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